

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 110-115 have been amended, and claims 104-109 and 116-119 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 13-18, 29-34, 47-74, 81-90, 97-103, 110-115 and 120-125 are currently pending in the application, of which claims 13, 69, 87, and 110-115 are independent claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendments do not add new matter to the application and are fully supported by the specification.

No new matters are believed to be added by these Amendments. In view of the above amendments, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and timely withdrawal of the pending objections and rejections for the reasons discussed below. More specifically, Applicants have cancelled the rejected claims and amended the previously objected claims into independent form. Thus, as set forth in the Office Action, these claims are now patentable over the prior art of record. For these reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the amendments should be entered, as they place the application in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, all pending claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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